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OPINION

The inauguration of University President Kirk Schulz was an extravagant affair. Check out Page 3 for an editorial about the event.

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Words of wisdom



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University President Kirk Schulz reaches out to the crowd in Bramlage Coliseum during his inaugural speech Wednesday, as part of his ceremonial induction as K-State's 13th president.

Inauguration draws Board of Regents, governor

By Daniel Stewart
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds filed into Bramlage Coliseum to welcome K-State's 13th president, Kirk Schulz. Members of the student body, faculty, staff, and friends and family of K-State filled the seats of Bramlage as they listened to Schulz be inaugurated into his new position as the President of K-State.

As people entered Bramlage, the K-State orchestra lightly played music from left of the stage. Photographers and cameramen gathered in front of the stage awaiting their chance to see the new president.

As the members of the inauguration party processed in they were lead by David Griffin Sr., assistant dean of the College of Education, who held the new ceremonial mace. Those seated on the main stage included members of the

Kansas Board of Regents, dean of Student Life Pat Bosco, Gov. Mark Parkinson, Student Body President Dalton Henry, and president of the Graduate Student Council Kara Dillard.

Once the ceremony got underway, among the first to speak at the podium was Henry who had the job of greeting Schulz on behalf of the student body of K-State.

"I didn't know exactly what to say or what people usually said at a university inauguration; after all, in 1986 - more than 23 years ago - the last time we did this, the majority of my classmates - including myself - weren't even alive yet. So I guess it goes without saying that this is a big day for our university," Henry said.

Henry went on to talk about how different things were two decades ago, but K-State was the same back then as it is now. The university has remained

focused on student's success, and is a place where any student can find a quality education. He said Schulz will continue this trend and improve on this in the future, and that perhaps one of the greatest things about our new president is how the students relate to him and he relates to the student, especially through his utilization of *Twitter.com*.

Then Dillard stood up to take center stage and offer words to Schulz; words on behalf of the graduate students of K-State.

"The graduation student council is pleased to partner with you in supporting graduate students as we continue to fulfill the mission of Kansas State University," Dillard said. "We appreciate your honest desire in promoting quality graduate education and professional opportunities. On behalf of the graduate students of Kansas State University, welcome to the K-State family."

Preceding Schulz was the governor of Kansas, Mark Parkinson, who had words to say to Schulz and the entire room.

"To greet you from the state of Kansas would be a little redundant at this point," Parkinson said. "Because through your twittering and tweets you've probably already greetings back and forth from everyone in the state of Kansas."

Parkinson said Schulz is stepping a university that has much history. K-State was the very first university in Kansas, and it is no accident that the university has had hundreds of thousands of graduates who have gone on to do remarkable things that have shaped the country and the world. The university itself has experienced incredible accomplishments and feats throughout its tenure. The vision and goals of K-State started

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Schulz Tweets, facebook

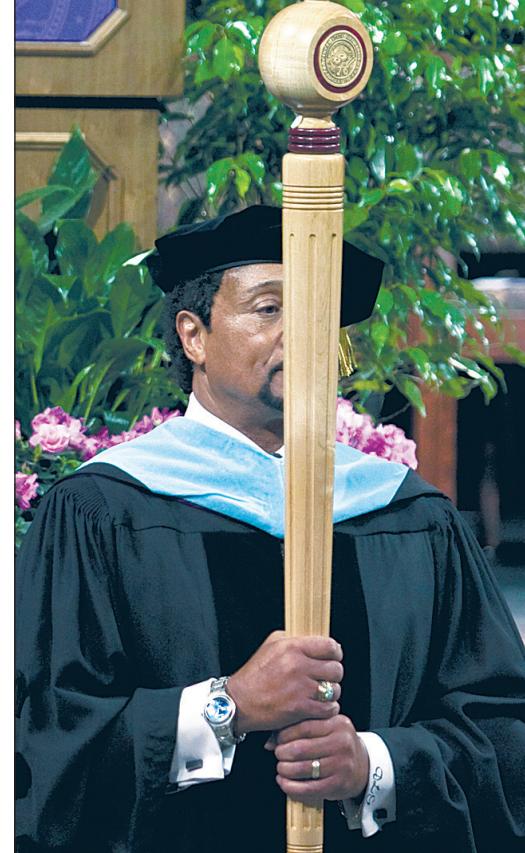
By Elena Buckner
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"Today - recovery day No. after gameday on Saturday - will be rested and ready to go for the upcoming week."

This quote is not from an enthusiastic K-State football fan or even from an exhausted player. Instead, it came from the fingertips of President Kirk Schulz, who Tweeted his energy level the Monday after K-State's first home football game of the season.

Presidential Tweets are just one of the many technological changes seen around K-State since the new president's arrival: Schulz also has a Facebook.com profile and a blog on K-State's Web site.

Emily Lehning, assistant vice president for student life and director of new student services,



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN
The university's new mace is carried through the procession at the inauguration ceremony of Kirk Schulz at Bramlage Coliseum Thursday afternoon.

K-State grad creates university mace

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Attendees of the inauguration of K-State's 13th president, Kirk Schulz, witnessed history in the making as a new component was added to the ceremonial event. While the procession made its way through Bramlage Coliseum, many eyes caught a first glimpse of K-State's very own academic mace. The mace was created for and donated to K-State by an alumni woodturner, Tom Boley, of Purcell, Va.

The mace, which is a symbolic tool of power and position, has been prominent as a ceremonial tool since the Middle Ages. Originally a simple, barbaric weapon and later used to distinguish authority in the military ranks, the mace has evolved over the years to be made of wood or metal and is generally decorated in an ornate fashion.

Boley said in an academic setting or university, a mace embodies authority and honor, such as that to confer degrees and is seen on such occasions as commencement, inauguration and distinguished ceremonies involving honored faculty, deans and presidents.

The mace created for K-State is made of a very deep purple wood called Purpleheart, and an almost white maple to represent the colors of the university.

"The mace is 45 inches long, a comfortable length for carrying," Boley said.

"I developed the design of the mace by reviewing the [K-State] Web site, looking pri-

marily at the mission, vision and history of the university," he said. After creating a design at his kitchen table, Boley sent it to the university where he coordinated with Charles Reagan, chief of staff and deputy to the president, until completion and delivery this month.

"This mace for [K-State] is special because it is for my own university," Boley said.

The symbolism involved with the new academic mace is complex, with a ball, representing the faculty and staff of K-State, adorned with a medallion of the official seal and encompassed by rings representative of the vision, missions and charges of the university.

"All of the rings encircle the mace and signify that K-State is a student-centered institution," Boley said.

He said the rings continue down the shaft, which represents the student body, while the flutes down the shaft stand for the undergraduate colleges. Two diamonds, the larger on top depicting the future and the smaller near the end representing the university's origins, are also on the mace.

Boley, who started his first mace in 2005, recently completed his 18th mace.

Boley is a 1970 graduate in bacteriology, a field in which he never worked. He retired after a career that led him through the Riley County Police Department, the U.S. Army and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, better known as NCIS. In retirement, Boley turned to wood working as a hobby and has now become a full-time, one-man lathe expert.

Presidential praise

Inauguration ... or Coronation?

Inaugurations are big events, apparently even for college presidents. Kirk Schulz was inaugurated before a large crowd in Bramlage Coliseum just yesterday, and it was big.

Gov. Parkinson, much of the Kansas Board of Regents and representatives from dozens of universities came to congratulate Schulz on his ascension to the kingship ... er ... presidency. Faculty took time off to show up in proper regalia, some classes were canceled and the orchestra even played a few tunes.

Did anyone bother to ask why?

Oh, I know, this is the first inauguration in most of our lifetimes and it would be unreasonable to have an inauguration ceremony smaller than the commencement ceremonies — surely he's more important than our most recent graduates.

But wait a minute, is his claiming the helm of K-State more important than the achievements of our students gaining degrees? Isn't the entire purpose of college to prepare students for the real world? Call me naive, but that's what I came to college for — what our tax and tuition dollars go toward.

How does this inauguration help K-State's purpose of preparing us for life? And if it doesn't bring us benefits, then why the celebration, the money, the pomp and the circumstance?

Universities like K-State should be student-centered. Without the students there is no college, after all. Millions of dollars go through the university in order to educate students and the Student Governing Association itself is in charge of vast sums. Funneling money and energy into the inauguration is taking away from students.

Schulz himself realized this; he wasn't interested in a grand ceremony. As Chief of Staff Charles Reagan said in yesterday's paper, "We had originally planned to hold the event at McCain Auditorium because Kirk wanted to keep the event very low-



FRANK
MALE



Illustration by Brianna Kerwood

key and not extravagant." Well, the low-key idea seems to have worked really well. The estimated 5,600 people they were expecting to attend sounds like a close-knit family. The estimated 1,000 who actually attended, well, maybe McCain could have held the ceremony after all.

And then there's the new mace we're getting, which is an ornamental staff. Although I suppose it might be useful for invading Lawrence, the likely utility value for the mace leaves one wanting.

Congratulations to President Schulz are in order. I have full faith that he will comport himself excellently in his new office. Now that the ceremonies are over, three months after he began his tenure, I trust that he can really get down to business. It is time for his administration to switch from "celebrate!" mode to "get results" mode.

President Schulz doesn't have to compete with Queen Elizabeth. Here in Wildcat country, he just needs to beat up little old ladies like Bernadette Gray-Little, chancellor at the University of Kansas. Our national ranking as a university is flagging behind Kansas's and something ought to be done about it.

Coronations are so last-century. In this time and place, competition is the way to go. Take that money, that planning that went toward the inauguration, and use it to help get our undergraduates' experience.

President Schulz, we're glad to have you, but when you come into work on Monday, leave the mace at home.

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President Schulz faces a long road ahead

On Thursday, amid much fanfare and in the presence of a new K-State mace, Kirk Schulz was sworn in as K-State's 13th president. Named to the presidency in February of 2009 by the Kansas Board of Regents, Schulz began his tenure in June, following his time as vice president for research and economic development at Mississippi State University. Our new president has come to the office with lofty goals and big plans, but he may quickly find himself hobbled by a crippled economy and a mistrusting Manhattan community.

During his first visit to K-State as a presidential hopeful, Schulz presented his plans for the university. Some of those plans included the improvement of Big 12 Conference athletics and helping K-State to achieve greater national and international prominence.

Now though, as the state of Kansas spirals deeper into financial crisis and the economy



JESSICA
HENSLY

still struggles for solvency, perhaps President Schulz should focus on the issues that lie a little closer to home.

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, higher education funding will be reduced by \$114.4 million over the next two years as the state faces a budget shortage of almost \$1 billion. This has and will continue to have serious consequences for universities, like K-State, that rely heavily on state money.

Steps have been taken by Schulz to soften the blow to the university's budget, such as the elimination of the position of vice president for institutional advancement, but these moves have done almost nothing to address the larger financial issues arising.

Other issues our new president will have to face include the fallout from the findings of the Kansas Board of Regents transition audit. The audit, conducted by the firm Grant Thornton, raised serious concerns about financial practices throughout the university, especially within the K-State athletic department.

The findings included \$845,000 in cash disbursements which couldn't be accounted for and a \$500,000 loan from the athletic depart-

ment to former athletic director Tim Weiser on Jan. 6, 2008, roughly a month before he stepped down from his position as K-State athletic director. These findings have bred suspicion and wariness in the Manhattan community, and rightly so.

It is the beginning of a long road for President Schulz and for the university as a whole. There is much to look forward to in the years to come, but also much to be discussed. It is all well and good to make big plans and reach for faraway goals, but there are more pressing issues which need to be addressed.

Schulz has come to the office of president at a difficult time and amid great change. We can only hope he will keep the promises he made during his campaign and that he will continue to strive for bigger and greater things for our university, all while addressing those issues which require immediate attention.

It is a big job, one we all hope he is up for.

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THE FOURUM

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Isn't it great being a K-State fan? You don't have to make up anything about KU; all you have to do is wait for their next idiotic move.

To all the people on campus wearing KU stuff: Did you know that KU's ratio of NCAA "championships" to major NCAA violations is -2? Something to be proud of, I guess.

KU basketball and football players fighting with each other? This is a trend I'd like to see continue.

Classy Cats are selling calendars \$10 a pop.

To the D-Bag driving the red Kia who almost ran over my roommate and me: You drive a Kia, look for pedestrians.

Beth Mendenhall: Milk is good for you, get that through your thick head.

I'm a 21-year-old female who stands 5-foot-11-inches, 140 pounds, and I just drank a half-gallon of milk by myself in less than 24 hours. Take that.

Beth Mendenhall: I think you're kind of hot and I'd like to take you out on a date, but you don't drink milk, so we can't go out on a date because that's all I drink.

Emotions equal death.

Beth Mendenhall: When you are an old lady and your bones break because you didn't drink enough milk, maybe then you'll think it is good for you.

Hey, Beth Mendenhall is greater than or equal to Obama.

Hi, Lafene, I think I'm just going to send you my ER bill because two hours after you said I was fine my fever hit 104. Thanks.

Beth Peopledenhall: It is really time for you to just shut up.

Hey Beth, thanks for reminding me to pick up some milk.

Beth Peopledenhall: Uh... I'm tired of your liberal leftist slander.

Kicking yourself is hard. I mean, there's a lot of jumping involved.

Hey Beth, you need to get your facts straight. Instead of 60 percent, 9 percent of adults are lactose intolerant. Do your job.

Even KU hates KU.

Would somebody tell the city of Manhat-

tan to please fix the stoplight at Bluemont and 11th? Thank you.

Beth Mendenhall: Every time I exhale I feel guilty. Should I quit breathing?

OK, seriously. "Be you, be greek"? I hate seeing those T-shirts.

Jello butt.

Beth Mendenhall: I like milk.

Hey Beth Peopledenhall: Got milk?

I'm more tired than the Goodyear factory.

I'd rather be a hippie than a redneck.

To the guy walking around campus with a boom box: Did you lose a bet?

Roses really smell like poo-poo.

At first we wanted the Collegian to present both sides of production agriculture. Now we just want you to shut up.

Beth Mendenhall is doing her job. Even if she's a quack, she's doing her job.

Milk: It does a body good. Beef: It's what's for dinner. Eat real food, people.

I don't like Chipotle's platform, but, damn, they make a good burrito.

Apparently, according to our unre-

searched research, K-State makes all their

electricity. How much would they pay if they used Westar?

My roommate, a sophomore in biology, is reading the Fourum for the first time and is not impressed.

To the two girls in the parking lot last night: That was a good one hiding behind your car. From: The eighth floor of Haymaker.

I wish Samantha would not have thrown rice all over her arm.

Hey Beth Mendenhall, I would like to invite you to an official date out at the dairy so you can see how milk is really produced.

I saw a squirrel do a backflip.

So, if meat has hormones and milk does too, and vegetables have bacteria on them, what does Beth eat?

Yeah, can I get four McChickens?

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Best of Fourum

I got kicked out of the library for putting all the Bibles in the fiction section.

While TextsFromLast-Night.com is a nice site, you can actually go on the site if you want to read those. Way to be original.

I'm a 21 year-old female who stands 5-foot 11-inches, 140 pounds, and I just drank a half-gallon of milk by myself in less than 24 hours. Take that.

I am impressed. The only thing more impressive would be pulling off the "Gallon Challenge."

Is it sad that when I listen to the song "Whiskey Lullaby," it makes me want to drink a lot of whiskey to drown my problems?

*There's someone you should call about this: 978-675-9036. Try it.

I almost caught a squirrel.

Better luck next time.

I'm still waiting for my Hogwarts letter.

I think they stop sending those out at a certain age; not sure about it, though. Maybe you should ask their admissions office about that.

How many calls does the Fourum get a day?

Oh, you know, it depends. Somewhere between 70 and 100, usually. Check out the online Fourum to increase your Fourum enjoyment.

How do I apply for the job to answer the Fourum comments?

Send your applications to Kedzie Hall 116 with a picture and statement of purpose enclosed.

If I say "excited" really loud, will you write it in all caps?

YES!

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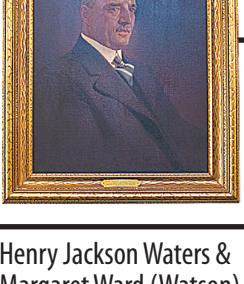
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History of K-State Presidents and their wives

Thursday afternoon Kirk Schulz joined a short list of those chosen to fill the presidential position at K-State. Below is a list of former presidents and first ladies that have served K-State.

	1860	Joseph Denison & Frances (Osborne) Dennis Denison 1 Sept. 1863 – 31 Aug. 1873
	1870	John Alexander Anderson & Ann Taylor (Foote) Anderson 1 Sept. 1873 – 1 Sept. 1879
	1880	George Thompson Fairchild & Charlotte Pearl (Halsted) Fairchild 1 Dec. 1879 – 30 June 1897
	1890	Thomas Elmer Will & Marie Van Velsor (Rogers) Will 1 July 1897 – 30 June 1899
	1900	Ernest Reuben Nichols & Marguerite (Rae) Nichols 1 July 1899 – 30 June 1909
	1910	William Marion Jardine & Effie Lane (Nebecker) Jardine 1 March 1918 – 28 Feb. 1925
	1920	Henry Jackson Waters & Margaret Ward (Watson) Waters 1 July 1909 – 31 Dec. 1917
	1930	Francis David Farrell & Mildred (Jenson) Farrell 1 March 1925 – 31 Aug. 1943
	1940	Milton Stover Eisenhower & Helen Elsie (Eakin) Eisenhower 1 Sept. 1943 – 30 June 1950
	1950	James Allen McCain & Janet McLean (Henry) McCain 1 July 1950 – 20 June 1975
	1960	
	1970	
	1980	Duane C. Acker & Shirley (Hansen) Acker 1 July 1975 – 30 June 1986
	1990	Jon Wefald & Ruth Ann (Joynt) Wefald 1 July 1986 – 14 June 2009
	2000	
		Kirk H. Schulz & Noel (Nunnally) Schulz 15 June 2009 – Present

"We always need to be"



President Kirk Schulz walked through the curtain to an awaiting crowd in Bramlage Coliseum Thursday. Schulz was the



In between family portraits and a tour of the Beach Museum of Art, several guests stayed behind at the presidential home to talk to K-State's new president, Kirk Schulz. On Thursday morning President Schulz, Teresa Cox, Schulz's former adviser, Dr. David Cox and the 14th president of Virginia Tech, Paul Ernst Torgersen, talked in the family room of the presidential home.



President Schulz has made multiple

From the time President Schulz visited K-State as a presidential candidate on Jan. 15, 2009, to the time he was introduced as K-State's President on Feb. 11, 2009, he has named several plans and promises he wants to start immediately to improve K-State and prepare the university for the future.

PROMISES SCHULZ MADE IN HIS INAUGURATION SPEECH:

- Recognize faculty excellence.
- Continue to offer great undergrad experience.
- Make sure K-State is a fun place to work.
- Recognize and continue to build a multicultural community at K-State.
- Continue to be accessible and affordable for Kansas residents.
- Work with academic partners.
- Be a model athletics program.
- Make sure K-State can be proud of its image.

SCHULZ | Inauguration celebration at Bramlage

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back at its beginning in the early 1860s, and they continue today.

"There have been just 12 presidents, which is an amazing fact to me – just 12 presidents. Today president Schulz joins that elite group of presidents and I will tell you that I am completely convinced that he will succeed in moving the state and therefore moving the country and this university forward. I am completely convinced that he is the right person in the right place at the right time and I am very excited about this appointment," Parkinson said.

Parkinson stepped down, and the 13th president of K-State took the podium in Bramlage as Jill Docking, the chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, delivered the investiture on the president.

"I've been asked why you want to do this. Why would you want to become a President? Well, early in my career back even

when I was a graduate student I talked about wanting to move into academic administration," Schulz said. "Over time after talking to my family, my wife and I decided we were looking for two things in a university."

"The first was we wanted to work for a land-grant school. Noel and I are both graduates at Virginia Tech and we had a great time there and a great education experience, and we come to value the role that a land grant university plays in the state of which it resides. We also, it may be a genetic deficiency, are big sports fans."

"So the second thing that we wanted was to be at a place that had a major division in athletics program. So in preparation for this I decided to count out how many universities fit those two criteria. There are only 31 out there. So, folks it is a real privilege to be able to serve the university that is my dream job."

Schulz then acknowledged the

work, dedication, and accomplishments of presidents before him, and segued into his own goals for K-State.

Schulz said he had seven goals for his tenure here at K-State: he wants to recognize faculty excellence and encourage it, and he wants all presently enrolled and future students to have a wonderful educational experience. He also said that K-State needs to be a fun place to be at so it can be an institute that people dedicate themselves to, and he wants to continue to strengthen this so students are prepared for a world that is growing smaller by the day.

He wants to make sure that K-State is taking care of Kansans by always encouraging the schools affordability and accessibility. He also wants K-State to have a model intercollegiate athletics program, and finally, Schulz said he wants K-State to always be proud of itself.

"We always need to be proud of who we are," Schulz said.

"We're proud of who we are"

—President Kirk Schulz



Photos by Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

the final person to enter the procession following many prestigious guests to K-State.



Above: President Kirk Schulz and first lady Noel gaze at one another during the singing of the K-State Alma Mater Thursday afternoon. **Left:** Together, the Schulz family: Kirk, Noel, Andrew and Tim, undertook the planting of a sapling on campus Thursday morning before the inauguration ceremony.

We've kept our promises since arriving at K-State

OTHER PROMISES SCHULZ HAS MADE IN HIS TIME AT K-STATE:

- Be the No. 1 cheerleader for K-State.
- Enhance academic market and university partnership and reputation by building on success of landing the new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.
- Improve Big 12 Conference athletics.
- Send students and faculty to campuses and abroad.
- Visit with different groups and colleges to gather information on what people think about K-State.
- Increase communication by inviting students into his home and sending monthly e-mails to faculty members.

—Compiled from Collegian archives by Delayna Irvin

In an interview, Schulz said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as K-State's President since mid-June. What I like is that everyday is a little different, and I enjoy talking about K-State and where I see us going in the future. The only major obstacle has been that there is simply not enough time in the day to do everything I would like to do."

—Compiled from Collegian archives by Delayna Irvin

TECHNOLOGY | Schulz uses online networking

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said the president's accessibility is an important aspect of Schulz's leadership style.

"It's interesting to have a personality who is very prestigious talking to students about everyday things, like when he Tweeted about taking his son to his first day of school," Lehning said. "I think it will be nice for the students to have a leader who is kind of where they are, someone who will show he is all about the students and also a normal person just like they are."

Schulz's Twitter.com profile, under the Twitter ID `kstate_pres`, has more than 1,300 followers, ranging from current students to faculty to K-State fans from across the country.

Jeremy Keen, junior in kinesiology, said the Twitter profile is a good addition to K-State culture.

"[The Twitter profile] allows

K-State students to connect with not only the student body but also with associates and faculty," Keen said. "It's also good for keeping up with events and things of that nature around campus; it can be a lot faster than other ways of finding out about events."

Schulz has used technology throughout his life, a characteristic his wife Noel Schulz said is connected to the fact that he is an engineer.

"We are both engineers and we've always liked gadgets," the first lady said. "Kirk loves having the first of everything, like the iPhone and gizmos like that."

In addition to personal use of technology, Schulz is also a proponent of increasing K-State's use of technology, especially in reaching out to potential future K-Staters.

The admissions office has offered online chat sessions for future students intermittently dur-

ing the past few years, Lehning said. This year, however, they are trying something new, and it fits in well with the new president's emphasis on technology and accessibility.

This year, members of the admissions staff, both at K-State and around the country, operated a chat session during K-State's nationally televised football game against UCLA. Prospective students and K-State fans around the world were able to log in online and chat directly with a representative, starting about an hour before the game and lasting through the end of televised coverage.

"I think [the president] is on to a really strong trend," Lehning said. "We know students are using technologies like Facebook.com and Twitter, so putting information on places where we know K-State students are frequenting is just doing our part to reach out to the students."

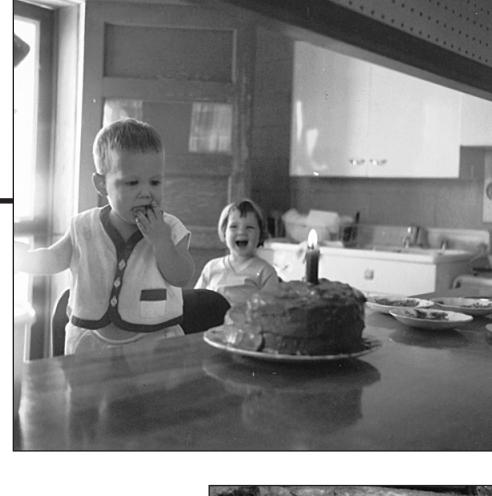
Time line of Kirk and Noel's journey to K-State

Follow Kirk Schulz's life from when he was a Soapbox Derby contestant, to an undergrad at Virginia Tech, to a young newlywed, to K-State's 13th president.

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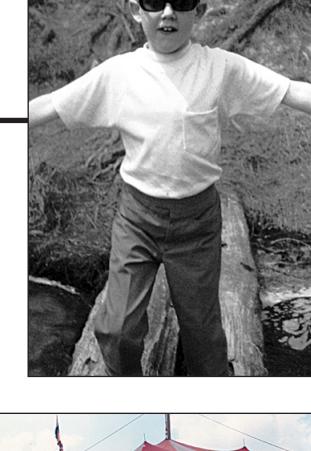
In 1963, Kirk H. Schulz was born in Portsmouth, Va.

1964, Kirk's first birthday



1970

Kirk in the summer of 1971, age eight



He competed in the All-American Soapbox Derby in 1977.



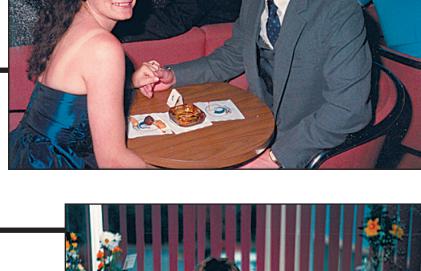
1980

Following graduation from high school in 1981, he attended Old Dominion University for three years.

In 1984, he transferred to Virginia Tech.

In 1986, Schulz graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering program.

In Dec. 1987, Kirk Schulz and Noel Nunnally were married.



1990 In Nov. 1990, the Schulz's eldest son, Tim, was born.

In 1991, he received his doctoral degree in Chemical Engineering.



In Nov. 1994, the Schulz's second son, Andrew, was born.

Following four years at the University of North Dakota, he moved in 1995 to Michigan Tech as an Assistant Professor of chemical engineering.

In 1998, he was promoted to Associate Professor and assumed the Chairmanship of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Michigan Tech that same year.

2000

In 2001, he moved to Mississippi State University to become Director of the Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering and holder of the Earnest W. Deavenport Jr. endowed chair.

In 2005, he was selected as Dean of Engineering of the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering and became the inaugural holder of the Earnest W. and Mary Ann Deavenport, Jr. endowed chair.

In 2007, he was named Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

On Feb. 14, 2009 Kirk Schulz was chosen to be the 13th President of K-State.

On June 15, 2009 Kirk H. Schulz was named the 13th President of K-State.



—Compiled by Jason Miller & Owen Praeger

Conference call

Wildcats headed to Iowa State

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After an impromptu bye week, the K-State volleyball team (6-6, 0-2 Big 12 Conference) will return to action Saturday when it hits the road for a meeting with No. 11 Iowa State (9-3, 1-2) at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

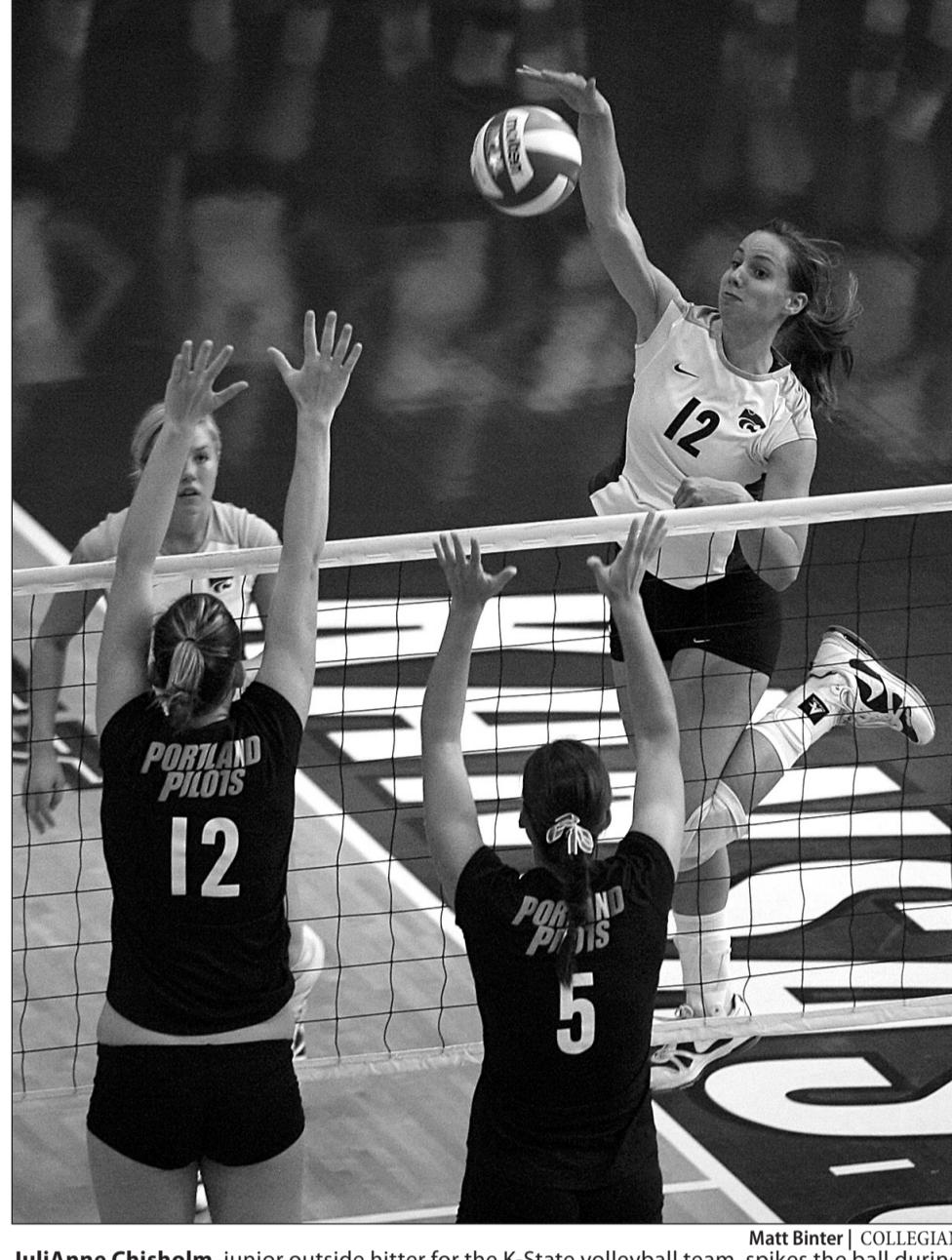
The Wildcats were given an extra day to prepare for the match when their Wednesday meeting with Texas Tech was postponed due to a flu breakout on the Red Raiders' roster. A makeup date has yet to be announced.

The Cyclones opened the 2009 season in solid fashion, winning nine of their first 10 contests, but they have struggled as of late against stiffer competition. They were swept in back-to-back road matches against No. 2 Texas and No. 24 Baylor.

K-State is also off to a slow start in conference play after stumbling out to an 0-2 start for the first time since 2006. The Wildcats may be out for revenge on the Cyclones, as they were one of just three conference teams to sweep K-State last season and handed the Wildcats a 3-0 loss on senior night last year in Ahearn Field House.

Despite last season's woes against the Cyclones, K-State has dominated the series in recent years. Since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996, the Wildcats own a 22-4 record against the Cyclones, including a stretch of 20-straight wins from 1996 to 2005. Iowa State has a slight 38-36 edge in the all-time series, including a 19-12 mark in Ames.

Iowa State has been led this season by outside hitters junior Victoria Henson, a Kansas native, and sophomore Rachel Hockaday. They average 4.08 and 3 kills per set, respectively. Sophomore middle blocker Debbie Stadick has maintained a .302 hitting percentage through the



JuliAnne Chisholm, junior outside hitter for the K-State volleyball team, spikes the ball during the game against the Portland Pilots two weeks ago in Ahearn Field House.

Cyclones' first 12 matches.

The Wildcats will counter with junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, who leads the team in kills with 3.2 per set, and senior owns a .355 hitting percentage. Redshirt freshman outside hitter Kathleen Ludwig has also been solid this year; she

is in the top three on the team in kills, blocks and service aces.

Due to the postponement of Wednesday's match, this will be K-State's second consecutive match outside of Manhattan and the last match of the road trip. First serve is set for 2 p.m.

Rowing team to open season in Des Moines

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Wildcat rowing team opens its season on Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa, as it continues to move forward from last year's campaign.

The team is scheduled to face Iowa, Creighton, KU, Drake and a few club teams from Nebraska in its first meet of the season. They will have 11 boats in action with the first race beginning at 11 a.m.

Head coach Patrick Sweeney said the focus of this weekend is to see what K-State's team has to offer.

"We want to establish a good base and see

where we are on fitness levels," Sweeney said. He said Iowa is a great program and it will be interesting to see how the team matches up against it and other teams.

The Wildcats have a strong amount of experience and will field four boats in the women's collegiate 8+ race. They will also have one boat in the collegiate novice 8+ event and field six crews in the collegiate 4+ division.

Sweeney said he's extremely happy with the honor awards his athletes have received.

"I'm really pleased with the academics on our team because we push them to a high level," Sweeney said. "Ninety-nine percent of the team is from Kansas and they've never

rowed before."

Last June, former seniors Jason Collett and Heather Hoffman received graduate scholarships. Hoffman, a mainstay on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll during her career, helped lead the varsity crew to first place at the Big 12 Championship. Collett, a former member of K-State's track and field team, currently holds the eighth-fastest time in the nation in the 800-meter run.

Sweeney said the team shows a lot of dedication in the classroom, which pays off when it competes. He also said he's excited for the season.

"I'm interested to see how we match up this week," he said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Tennis team to compete in Indiana this week

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The women's tennis team has arrived in Bloomington, Ind., to participate in the Hoosier Classic competition today through Sunday. The tournament will serve as the second test of the team's skill.

As it is only the beginning of the season, gauging the team's skill level and predicting its readiness for Big 12 Conference competition is difficult.

"We're very young, inexperienced," said coach Steve Bietau, of the team. Freshmen make up a bulk of the team with four newcomers accounting for half of the roster. Natasha Vieira is the only senior on the Wildcat roster.

Bietau said the team looks to gain skill in matches as the season progresses.

"[Matches] are where we do it," Bietau said, referring to gaining experience.

At the Fall Shockers Classic from Sept. 18 to Sept. 20, the team brought home a pair

of doubles wins. The team also featured two singles wins.

Junior Antea Huljev defeated Jenny Herring from Arkansas State. She went on to win a match against Rone van Wyk, also from Arkansas State.

This week's tournament will provide "good solid competition," Bietau said. "We still have some work to do."

Ultimately, the team hopes to be ready to affect the Big 12 when conference play begins in March.

COLLEGIAN STAFF PICKS

Members of the Collegian staff and University President Kirk Schulz will pick the winners of six college football games each Friday this fall. Follow us throughout the season to see who has the best picks.



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College trades should be allowed

K-State football has been bad for a long time. I think we can all agree on that.

There was a 10-year blip on the radar where K-State, under the tutelage of Bill Snyder, emerged as a national power, but the last time K-State was considered a national power, I was getting geeked up about receiving my driver's license.



PAUL HARRIS

To even the playing field between major programs like Ohio State, Texas, Florida and USC, I have a couple of rule changes that would revolutionize the college game.

My first idea is to allow something that is acceptable in all professional sports: trades. Trades would only be allowed if the student-athletes agree to it. Most of these athletes, first and foremost, are here to get an education.

I would love to see trades happen during a season, but it would be unfair to ask a student to switch academic institutions in the middle of the season. Anytime after the season, though, trades could occur.

To sweeten the deal, schools could trade both scholarships and cash, and a player can only be traded once.

K-State is devoid of any talent at certain positions. If K-State misses out on a certain player on the recruiting trail, then there would be the option of trading away a play maker like Daniel Thomas and filling out other positions on the team.

The athletic director would act as the general manager. If the athletic directors of each school sign off on the trade then it is approved.

Players would have to pass a physical and if the players do not pass the physical, then the trade would be rescinded.

My second rule gives coaches the right to pull scholarships on a week-to-week basis. The old adage is that football players become great football players through competition. If someone is breathing down your neck for a position, then you are going to try hard to keep your scholarship. Also, players cannot just hang up their jerseys for the last couple games with that kind of pressure.

Ten scholarship players would be considered untouchables. So, if one of those players had a bad game, then he could not have his scholarship pulled. These players would need to be determined before the season.

Obviously, this type of system would drive the school accountants nutty, but let's just be honest, most of the student body would not be here if it weren't for Bill Snyder. This type of system would encourage walk-ons. K-State has had great success in not only molding walk-ons to All-Big 12, but also All-Americans. It is all about increasing the margins. This rule does place an added burden on the players' already hectic schedules. You're right, I don't understand how hard these guys work, but hell, they are getting a free education out of it.

Paul Harris is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to sports@spub.ksu.edu.

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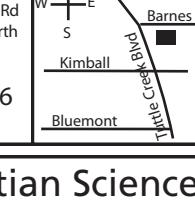
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Students sleep in Bosco Plaza to raise awareness for homeless

By Eli B Neal
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Anyone passing through Bosco Student Plaza late last night undoubtedly noticed that over twenty people appeared to have taken up residence there, passing their time huddling in the shadows and sleeping on the cold cement and park benches.

The plaza had not been overrun by a pack of homeless people, but rather was the location of Sleep Out For The Homeless, an annual philanthropy event put on by the student organization Silver Key to raise donations for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, located at Fourth St. and Yuma, and to create awareness of the issue of homelessness in Manhattan.

Silver Key is a honorary society for sophomore students at K-State which focuses on community service. Students apply to become a member of Silver Key at the end of their freshman year, and applicants



Dan Hornsby, sophomore in English, and Kyle Black, sophomore in biology, play acoustic songs together during Silver Key's, Sleep Out For The Homeless, in Bosco Student Plaza Thursday night.

are selected based on leadership experience and previous community service work. Silver Key sponsors monthly community service events in the Manhattan community.

Sleep out For The Homeless is the second-largest event that Silver Key produces. In a press release, Dillon Robbins, sophomore in busi-

ness administration and vice president of Silver Key, said this year the group hoped to raise \$3000 in supplies and monetary donations for the shelter.

"Donations raised either in monetary or necessity items like personal hygiene, cleaning or food items ... to help lower some of the

expenses they encounter every day to stay open," Robbins said.

Silver Key members, as well as friends and family, worked over the last few months to collect these donations from local businesses. The event included games, team building interaction, and several guest speakers. Mary Chapman Simple, director of the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, spoke to the group about the importance of the event and the work the group had to do to put into it. She said the awareness and opportunity for discussion created by the event were as important as the donations it raised.

"People like and respond to this type of visual stimulus ... the difficulty of raising awareness in a town like this is people aren't confronted by the issue," Simple said. "They don't realize that there is a homelessness problem in this town."

"This event is about connecting students with the community and the world, and creating awareness of this, and the issue

of family homelessness. People don't realize the number of mothers who have no where to go and no support system."

She went on to explain that this event is particularly important right now as the demographic of homelessness is rapidly changing. Homelessness is not simply an issue that affects drug addicts or the mentally-ill; with the state of America's economy, homelessness is an issue effecting an increasing number of families and children. One in 50 children in America are homeless, and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter alone currently houses seventeen children.

Simple said that by supporting the shelter, Silver Key does far more than simply provide people with a place to sleep.

"We really believe people deserve an opportunity to better themselves and succeed ... What you support at the shelter is more than just a bed it's an opportunity," Simple said.

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Home sweet home



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Head coach **Bill Snyder** walks toward the locker room after a 21-17 win over UMass in the season opener. More than 50,000 fans came to watch the game and provided the Wildcats with a strong home-field advantage.

Wildcats return home to face Tennessee Tech

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After two disappointing road losses, the K-State football team will get another chance to play in front of its own fans as members face the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Family Stadium.

Tennessee Tech (1-1), a team from the Ohio Valley Conference and a member of the Football Championship Subdivision, will travel to Manhattan for the second time in school history to play the Wildcats. The team's first meeting in Manhattan in 1984 produced a Wildcat victory with a score of 28-12. The sec-

ond time around, 25 years later, head coach Bill Snyder is not taking the Golden Eagles lightly.

"We are in a position where we need to take it one day at a time – just try to get better everyday," Snyder said. "We are not in a position where we can look ahead to see what the rest of the season is going to look like. We are just trying to piece things together day by day."

The Golden Eagles lost last week at Eastern Kentucky 17-7 and have not beaten an FBS opponent since the divisions split in 1978. For those counting at home, that's 31 years of futility for a team that has rattled off 22 straight losses to opponents

from the FBS. Snyder is certainly keeping his eye on them, however, with team speed and good coaching as reasons to stay focused this week just as much as usual.

"We are not in a position to take any team that we play for granted," Snyder said. "Our approach is not who we play on Saturday, it is how we prepare for that opponent during the week.

With that being said, Tennessee Tech is a young football team that is very deep. It seems that they are always in position to make plays. They have good team speed. They have some talented players who have put up some good numbers throughout the season."

Snyder Family Stadium will be booming on Saturday, with the annual celebrations of Fort Riley Day and Band Day, as well as University Family Day. That means lots of extra fans in the seats, with fewer than 5,000 tickets available as of Tuesday, according to K-State Sports Information. A good home crowd should help to boost the confidence of the Wildcats, who, after last Saturday's loss to UCLA, are in desperate need of a win.

"We are a hungry team right now," said senior offensive lineman Nick Stringer. "We are disappointed in the way things

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Klein preparing to take the field regardless of position

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After redshirting last year as a freshman, Collin Klein epitomizes the virtue of putting the team ahead of oneself.

Recruited from Loveland, Colo., as a quarterback, Klein came to K-State intending to play that position. Because of the intense competition between Carson Coffman and Grant Gregory, starting and backup quarterback respectively, and the lack of depth at the wide receiver position, Klein has been



Klein

used mostly on special teams and has been working with the receivers recently.

Although Klein's K-State athletic Web site biography describes him as "a rising quarterback who has good size and also is very mobile ... a true field general who will compete for the quarterback position," he has been more than willing to make a switch in order to benefit the team.

Coach Bill Snyder said the wide receiver position suits Klein well because his size – a solid 6 feet 5 inches – and makes him ideal to match up against a cornerback. He has good hands and runs well. Snyder said while Klein has a lot to improve upon, he is making progress.

Klein said his transition from

quarterback to wide receiver and special teams has been relatively smooth. He credits that to Del Miller, quarterbacks coach and co-offensive coordinator. Klein said Miller does a great job teaching not only the position of quarterback, but also the game as a whole.

Klein has demonstrated a willingness to fill whatever slot the team needs him to fill.

"Football's still football, just from a different vantage point," he said of the recent move to wide receiver.

Klein said he was initially shocked upon hearing about Snyder's return. He added that already, in less than a year, he feels like he has learned so much from Snyder about football and life in general.

"We're definitely excited to have him at the helm," Klein said.

Surprisingly, Klein did not play football until his freshman year in high school. Before that, and throughout his high school football career, he played basketball. In fact, during his junior year in high school, he was honored by inclusion on the rosters of the Reporter-Herald All-Area and All-Front Range League teams.

"Football kind of stole my heart," he said.

As evidenced by his presence on the K-State football team, of course, Klein was even better on the gridiron than he was on the hardwood.

Stats from K-State's Web site show that during his junior and senior years of high school, he

amassed nearly 3,000 yards passing and over 1,000 yards on the ground. Accordingly, Klein holds school records in total yards as well as completion percentage, which was 66 percent his senior year. This earned him mention on the rosters of the PrepStar All-Region team and the first team Northern Conference. His team, Loveland High, finished second in the state playoffs his junior and lost in the first round his senior year.

With his impressive résumé, it is difficult not to wonder if Klein may move back into a quarterback slot. After all, Coffman is a junior, and Gregory is a senior. But for now, Klein's goals go no further than Tennessee Tech.

"We need to get this win," he said.

Garrett focused on being a leader

The Collegian sat down with cornerback David Garrett who transferred here this year from Fort Scott Community College. He now finds himself in a starting role opposite Josh Moore at cornerback. The Cleveland, Ohio, native is listed at 5 feet 9 inches, 185 pounds. In three games with the Wildcats, he has compiled 8 solo tackles.

Q: What do you feel you need to work on as an individual to help your team at game time?

A: Be more vocal as a teammate, be a lot more enthusiastic, get on everybody when they're not doing what I think they need to be doing and start just basically being more of a team player."

Q: Two losses in a row is not an easy thing to cope with, so what do you think needs to happen to break this losing streak?

A: It's done and over with, we can't get those games back. We need to start moving forward and preparing for next week."

Q: How is the team chemistry on and off the field?

A: Well everyone is pretty much together, as a team, on and off the field. Pretty much on the field we still come together, just grouping and gelling together."

Q: This week is family weekend, so do you think the fans will have an impact on how well you guys play as a team?

A: Of course, fans are always going to be like that. Either winning or losing, fans are either going to dislike us one week or be with us on the next week when we win. But I can't really worry about the fans right now. We're worried about the team and what goes on between those white lines."

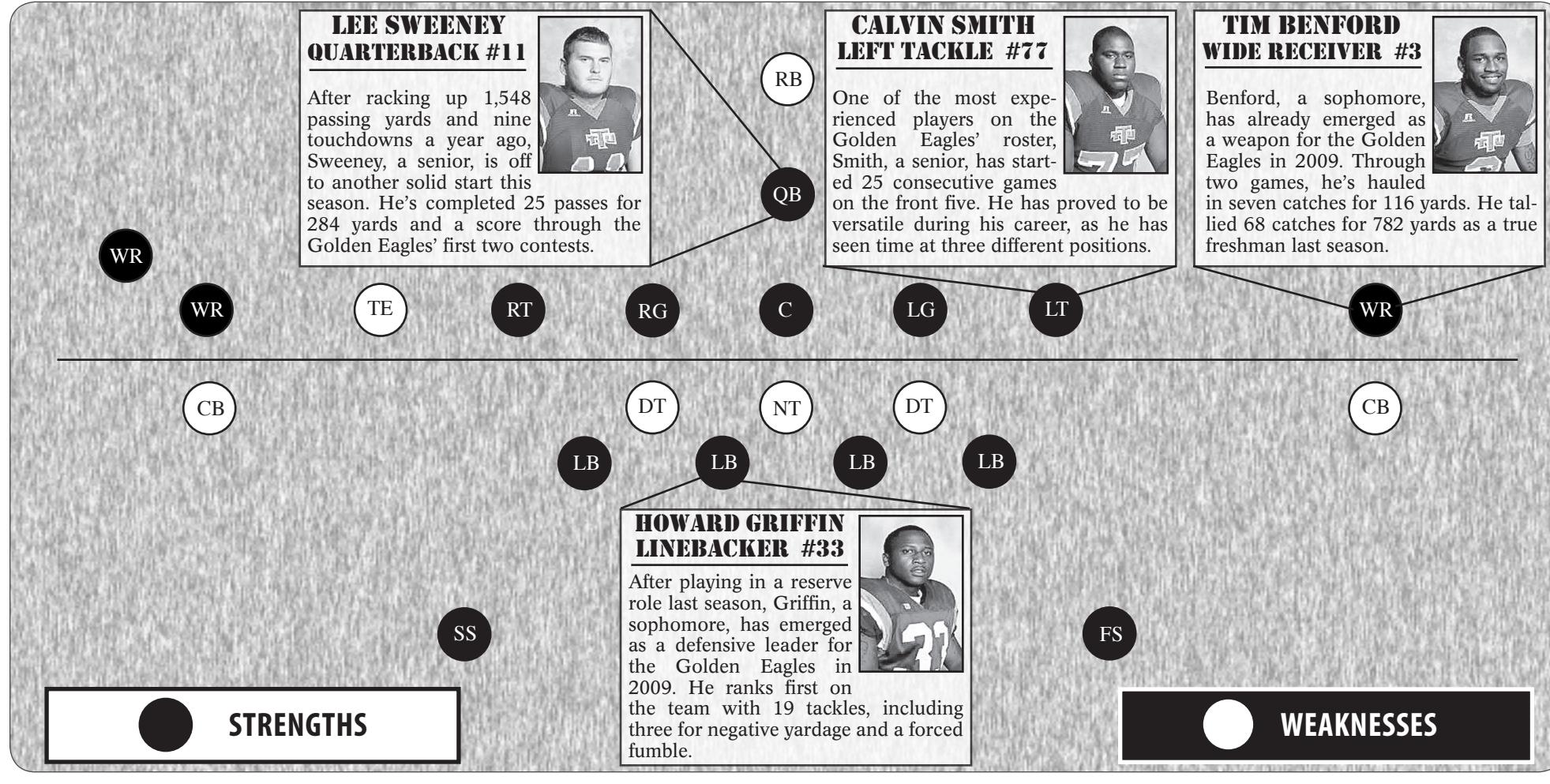
Q: What inspires you to give 110 percent each game?

A: Just my long road I've been through, and how much I love the game, and my teammates that are here, wanting to play the same thing I play."

-Compiled by Delayna Irvin



Scouting Report



GOLDEN EAGLE STRENGTHS

QUARTERBACK: K-State has faced some inexperienced signal-callers in 2009, but that won't be the case this week. Senior Lee Sweeney, a four-year starter, has amassed 5,673 passing yards and 23 touchdowns in his collegiate career despite various injuries.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Experience hasn't been much of an issue for the Golden Eagles' front five – a unit that returns three full-time starters from 2008. The unit is led by senior left tackle Calvin Smith, who has started 25 straight contests.

WIDE RECEIVER: The Golden Eagles' return one of its top receiving threats from 2008 in sophomore

Tim Benford, who currently leads the team in catches and receiving yards. Junior Antonio Robinson, another leading receiver from a year ago, also returns.

LINEBACKER: Each of the four starting linebackers currently ranks in the Golden Eagles' top 10 in tackles through two games. Led by sophomore Howard Griffin, the unit has combined for seven tackles for loss.

SAFETY: The Golden Eagles' starting safeties, Caleb Mitchell and Dustin Dillehay, rank third and fifth on the team in tackles, respectively. Mitchell has recorded one tackle behind the line of scrimmage while Dillehay has picked off a pass.

GOLDEN EAGLE WEAKNESSES

RUNNING BACK: Tennessee Tech will be without the services of starting running back Tremaine Hudson, a sophomore who leads the team in rushing and all-purpose yardage. Fellow sophomore Dontey Gay, who has rushed for 108 yards and a pair of touchdowns, will split time on Saturday with true freshman Zack Ziegler, who has zero carries in his collegiate career.

TIGHT END: The Golden Eagles' have literally no experience at the tight end position in 2009. Potential starters are sophomores Jamere Hogue and Cory Powers. Hogue played linebacker last season and Powers never saw the field. Neither candidate recorded

a reception in either of Tennessee Tech's first two games.

DEFENSIVE LINE: None of the Golden Eagles' defensive linemen rank higher than eighth on the team in tackles so far this season. The unit has had trouble getting pressure on quarterbacks as the starters have combined for only three sacks against Pikeville College and Eastern Kentucky.

CORNERBACK: Experience isn't an issue at cornerback as starters Taron Ryce, senior, and Richmond Tooley, sophomore, both saw plenty of action last season, but the duo has combined for just nine total tackles and one interception.

-Compiled by Justin Nutter

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Wildcats in need of improvement to salvage season

After a tough two-game road trip, the football team will return home with several question marks so far this season.

The Wildcats failed again to come out with a victory after falling 23-9 to the Bruins of UCLA. They missed on several of opportunities with Josh Cherry missing yet another field goal.

Carson Coffman was also very indecisive in the backfield. He was late on deciding whether to pitch the ball on option plays, and he didn't know when to throw the ball away when he was under pressure.

Again, how long are we going to see him on the field before we see a change? I really want to see Grant Gregory out there. He deserves a chance after what we've seen from Coffman.

I believe in what Bill Snyder is doing, and he's dealing with a team that isn't his. Most of the players were brought in by former head coach Ron Prince, who couldn't continue Snyder's success when he left.

Also, the defense looked disoriented on a lot of plays. Johnathan Franklin ran for 119 yards and a score. The defense looked like a unit that would let anybody run over it.

It's a rebuilding process, and the team needs to find a way to play consistently on a week-to-week basis. Otherwise, it's not going to be a good year.



TYLER SCOTT

Tennessee Tech is next on the schedule and is slated for a 1:10 p.m. start on Saturday.

So far this season, the Golden Eagles have been a run-happy offense. Only one receiver on the team has a touchdown and Lee Sweeney, the quarterback, has thrown for 284 yards through two games.

The Wildcat defense will have to be ready for anything because they have allowed close to 130 rushing yards a game, and Tennessee Tech will take advantage of anything it can get.

If the team can't win its nonconference games, it surely won't win any of the conference games because the Big 12 Conference is stacked with Heisman candidates and BCS bowl teams that are much better than this team.

Tennessee Tech has allowed only two defensive touchdowns this year, but they have been against small school teams far different from K-State. The Golden Eagles have also given up 256 yards total.

This game will be a test for both teams. It's still early in the season, but if the Wildcats drop this one, you have to wonder what the rest of the season will be like.

Right now, I don't have much faith in this team, but I think they can pull this one out. They're playing at home and against a team nobody knows much about.

Time will tell, but maybe playing at home will raise Josh Cherry's confidence in kicking field goals.

Tyler Scott is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to sports@spub.ksu.edu

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SPECIAL TEAMS



The Wildcat special teams are still not perfect after three games. Place-kicker Josh Cherry finally made a field goal, a 26-yard attempt, but missed a 40-yard attempt later in the game. A botched snap also ruined a point-after attempt after the Wildcats' only touchdown last week. The return game was solid and should continue to improve as the season progresses. Expect to see an advantage in athleticism lead to long returns and good field position for K-State.

Believe it or not, the Wildcat offense is getting better. It didn't show up on the scoreboard, but the offense was able to put together some decent drives that didn't end with scoring. Granted, without points on the board, it doesn't matter how many yards are gained. However, expect to see running back Daniel Thomas to have another great game and for the offensive line to give quarterback Carson Coffman more time to make decisions in the backfield. Also, should the Wildcats end up with a comfortable lead by halftime, expect to see Grant Gregory and other second-team players on the field.

K-State's defense gave up 55 points against Pikeville College. Unfortunately, Pikeville is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is not affiliated with the NCAA. Last week, the offense put up only seven points against Eastern Kentucky. This week, the Golden Eagles will be starting true freshman Zach Ziegler at running back, and its quarterback, senior Lee Sweeney, is listed as questionable due to a concussion from last week's 17-7 loss at Eastern Kentucky. If the team starts its backup, expect the Golden Eagles to struggle offensively.

The Golden Eagle defense has fared well in its first two games, giving up less than 20 points in each. However, they have yet to face an offense with the athleticism of a Big 12 Conference team. Sophomore inside linebacker Howard Griffin leads the team in tackles with 11 against Eastern Kentucky last week. As a team, the defense has recorded just one quarterback sack this season, which came against Pikeville College in its first game.

PREDICTION

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K-State should overmatch the Golden Eagles and have a comfortable lead at halftime. It's worth noting that the Golden Eagles haven't beaten a Football Bowl

Subdivision opponent since the divisions split in 1978. The team has gone 0-22 since playing its first game against an FBS opponent, which in an odd twist, was K-State in 1984.

—Compiled by Grant Guggisberg

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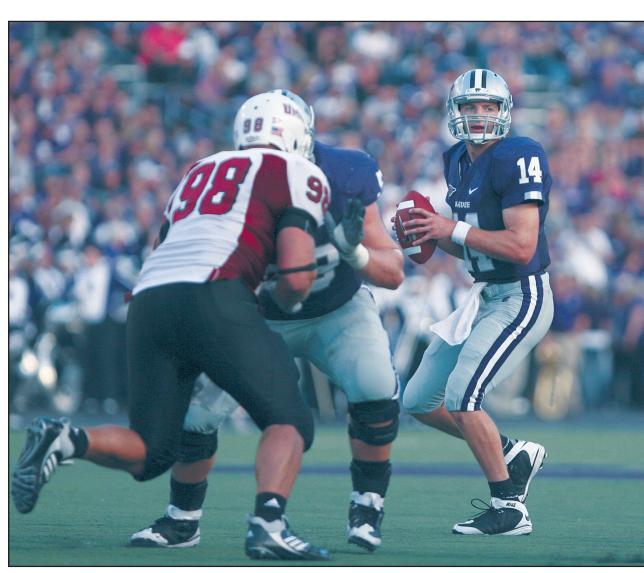
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Quarterback **Carson Coffman** drops back to throw a pass in the 21-17 win over UMass. Coach Snyder said he thinks Coffman's recent struggles are just a matter of playing inconsistently.

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turned out. We had high expectations going down to UCLA and we played well for the first three quarters. We are ready to get back on the field and build on the things that we learned."

Senior defensive lineman Jeffrey Fitzgerald echoed Stringer's thoughts, saying the team needs to focus on this

week's game.

"We have to come back and get ready for next week," Fitzgerald said. "We cannot really dwell on the past too much and just have to focus on Tennessee Tech."

Tennessee Tech's recent record against FBS opponents indicates that K-State will likely win on Saturday, but the play of quarterback Carson Coffman will need to improve

if the Wildcats are going to win many more games this season.

Snyder pointed to inconsistent play as Coffman's biggest flaw.

"I think that [Coffman] has improved a little bit," Snyder said. "His completion percentage has improved, which is a positive step. He is a bright young guy and he is working very hard to improve the areas of his

game that need improving. He is gaining experience. I think that the more snaps that he gets, the more comfortable he will become."

For Wildcat fans, that experience needs to come sooner rather than later. After Saturday's contest, the Wildcats will begin Big 12 Conference play against Iowa St. at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

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